

## USFS Inyo National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

*For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding.* Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

### General Evaluation Criteria

- #1a-c – Applicant must verify that the information provided is the most recent available.
- #2 – #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

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| Ground Operations – Inyo National Forest<br>Ground Operations   | G17-02-05-G01 |
| <b>Project Description</b>  |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTUC Sierra Responsible Riders have also applied for Ground Operation grants in the Inyo National Forest for trail maintenance. Applicant needs to provide how they will ensure there is no duplication of services.</li> <li>• A. and B. Application states “monitor” and “patrol”. Patrol is a law enforcement activity, thus Applicant must clarify the meaning of patrol in this Project.</li> <li>• Applicant must provide addition clarification on what the noxious weed surveys entail.</li> </ul>   |               |
| <b>Project Cost Estimate</b>  |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – “Resource Specialists”, Applicant must clarify what types of reports are being written, as writing reports is generally an indirect activity.</li> <li>• Staff – “GIS Program Manager/Specialist” Applicant must provide more details on what the mapping/data issues are and how it relates to the Project. Also, Applicant must clarify what types of reports are being written, as writing reports is generally an indirect activity.</li> <li>• Staff – “Rec/Eng Data Manager...” Duties appear to be indirect. Applicant must provide additional clarification on how items are directly related to the Project.</li> <li>• Staff – “District OHV Leads – Temp”, Duties state “monitor” and “patrol”. Patrol is a law enforcement activity, thus Applicant must clarify the meaning of patrol in this Project.</li> <li>• Staff – “Volunteers”, Applicant must verify these are not CTUC Sierra Responsible Riders volunteers and ensure volunteer match time spent on this Project is not being counted in other OHV Trust Fund Grants.</li> <li>• Staff – “Overtime...”, Applicant must provide additional details for how costs were determined and budget the Unit of Measurement by hours vs. “Misc.”</li> <li>• Contracts – “Toilet Pumping”, Applicant must explain the source of match.</li> <li>• Contracts – “Trash Services”, Applicant must explain the source of match.</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies – “Janitorial”, compared to “like” Projects, costs appear excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify costs or adjust accordingly.</li> <li>• Equipment use – “Eng Crew Trucks/Equip” Applicant must budget into two separate line items the Trucks mileage costs and the heavy equipment hours. Also, provide additional details on the type of equipment to be used for how the costs were determined.</li> <li>• Others – “Per Diem” Applicant must provide additional details for this line item in the Project Description.</li> <li>• Indirect Costs – Applicant has exceeded their 15 percent of direct grant costs limit and must adjust their Project Cost Estimate accordingly.</li> </ul> |               |

#### Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – Project Description does not support “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”.
- #5 - CTUC Sierra Responsible Riders have also applied for Ground Operation grants in the Inyo National Forest for trail maintenance. Applicant needs to provide how they will ensure there is no duplication of services to ensure they are valid partners.
- #6 – Narrative does not support the “Protecting water quality” or “Site design precludes...” selections. Applicant must provide examples/details explaining the water quality selection. The “Site design precludes...” selection is only applicable to e.g. fully enclosed OHV areas.
- #7 – Neither the Project Description or Project Cost Estimate support the selections.